UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Region III — 6th & Walnut Sts. Philadelphia, Pa. 19106



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SUBJECT: Hazardous Waste Site Investigations

Pigeon Point - Preliminary Assessment

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Please begin processing of the above referenced Preliminary Assessment through the system. It is requested that a paper search of state and county files be conducted for completion of relevant portions of the Preliminary Assessment and for provision of any additionally useful information.

Robert A. Boodey, Investigator with C&HWTF, interviewed a reliable and important former associate of Pigeon Point Landfill on September 4, 1980. The subject provided the following information and requested strict confidentiality:

- 1. During the construction of the Pigeon Point Landfill, a berm was built around the landfill area to prevent silt from entering the Delaware River. When the landfill was initially opened no cover material was available. The subject was instructed by County personnel to use the berm as a source of cover material.
- 2. The subject left his employment at the Pigeon Point Landfill approximately three months after it opened. By the time he left, the East, South and West portions of the berm had been removed and leachate was spilling into the Delaware River from the Southeast corner of the landfill.
- 3. Drums and chemical wastes which were previously dumped at Tybouts were taken to Pigeon Point. These wastes were generated by Allied Chemical, Stauffer Chemical, the Getty Refinery and others.
- 4. Fires (caused by the dumping of chemical wastes) at the Pigeon Point Landfill were commonplace during the subject's employment there.

Also please refer to pp. 22, 44-45 of attached newspaper article.

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